

BREN GUNS

SCENARIO ASL TAC 17

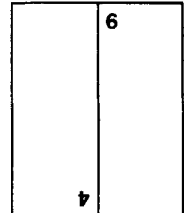


VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Germans win immediately by controlling buildings 4P6, 6J8 and 6O4, provided they accumulate more CVP(A26.2, see also SSR4) than the partisans.

North of SAINT-MARCEL, France, June 18, 1944:

Since the Normandy landing, the St. Marcel Maquis had been very active. Regular night paratroops brought materiel and weapons, and elements of the 2nd SAS were parachuted in to assist the partisans with training. All this commotion did not fail to attract German attention, and on June 18th, 0430 hrs, Feldgendarmarie 790 was on patrol when it was ambushed by maquis, with all of its soldiers killed or captured. Malestroit garrison, made up of a battalion from 275th Infantry Division, was quickly alerted at 0630 hrs, and undertook a reconnaissance at 0900 hrs. The Germans were quickly repelled by heavy fire from the partisans and SAS, both well-equipped with Bren machineguns. The German attack was resumed at 1000 hrs with mortar support.

BOARD PLACEMENT:








**BALANCE:**

- Add a 4-4-7 and a LMG to the 70th battalion of Georgian Infantry
- 🎯 Use E7.21 to determine the number of FBs and their bomb loads.

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Elements of Le Garrec company and Carro battalion from Saint-Marcel maquis [ELR:5]

Set up on board 4 on/north of hexrow H and/or board 6 on/north of hexrow Z {SAN:4}:

 3-3-7	 9-1	 7-0	 LMB 5-1 2-7	 PIAT 5-0 8-9	 7 marks	 5-15 MUL. BDA: +4 Other: +2
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Elements of 2nd SAS [ELR:5]

Set up in the same area as the partisans:

 3-4-2	 1-9	 2-7	 8-3
3		2	



Elements of 275th Infantry Division [ELR:3]

enter on turn 1 along the southern edge {SAN:2}:





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Element of “Kreta” division [ELR:3]

Enter on turn 4 along the southern edge:

Elements of 708th battalion of Georgian infantry [ELR:3]

Enter on turn 5 along the southern edge

			
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SSR:

1. EC are moderate, with no wind at start.
2. Partisans MMC may not form multi-location FG. Partisan units possessing 1 functioning LMG, and all leaders stacked with them are considered fanatic. British LMGs and PIATs are not considered captured by the partisans. 2 Allied squad-equivalents may set up HIP, along with any Leaders/SWs stacked with them [EXC: In the VC buildings]. SAS units are stealthy.
3. Until they lose concealment, the SAS units may be represented by equivalent Russian units (628/328 MMCs, leaders and LMGs and ATRs for PIATs) in order to preserve the fog of war and to keep their locations secret.
4. Starting from turn 5, Allied units (broken or not) may leave the playing area through the northern edge without adding to the German CVPs.
5. The German receives one module of 80mm battalion mortar OBA.
6. Starting from turn 5, the Allied side receives aerial support in the form of American FBs without bombs, with entry determined as per E7.2. Their number is determined by a dr divided by 3 (FRU).

AFTERMATH: The Bren guns, placed at the woods edge, held the German attack until their crews were dislodged by mortar shells. The wounded were immediately evacuated to the Sainte-Genevieve castle. Realizing the strength of the attack, the partisans decided to call London for aerial support. After a pause, the German attack resumed at 1400 hrs with the support of the paratroopers of the “Kreta” division, followed by the 708th battalion of Georgian infantry. Around 1530 hrs, Thunderbolts from the Normandy bridgehead arrived and strafed the German troops, halting their advance, but after their departure around 1630 hrs the attack was resumed again. By 1730 hrs, the partisans were obliged to withdraw toward the castle, and eventually abandon it. At 1900 hrs, it was briefly retaken by an SAS counter-attack but at 2000 hrs, the arrival of new German reinforcements finally forced the partisans into a total withdrawal; this was successfully completed by 2200 hrs after the Maquis destroyed most of their equipment.